

Homeless Student Stability Program

Budget Request: Additional \$5.6M

Established by the Washington State Legislature in 2016, the Homeless Student Stability Program (HSSP) awards grants to school districts and nonprofits. HSSP has successfully improved educational outcomes for students experiencing homelessness by providing housing and education supports to students.

HSSP funds are administered by two agencies: the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), which awards grants to school districts; and the Office of Homeless Youth (OHY), which awards grants to nonprofit organizations that work with local school districts to create unique partnerships between housing supports and schools.

Request: Improve educational outcomes for students experiencing homelessness by investing an additional \$5.6M in HSSP through the Operating Budget.

HSSP Investment to Support Students Experiencing Homelessness

- *Current Funding Level:* \$4.4 million
- **2023-25 Budget Request:** **\$5.6 million**
- *Requested HSSP Funding Level* \$10 million

An additional \$5.6 million would be used to:

- Increase the number of grants to support students experiencing homelessness
- Better meet the needs of communities
- Increase programmatic staffing capacity, including training, technical assistance, and research and evaluation
- Deepen partnerships between OSPI, Commerce, and Building Changes and support further development of shared programming goals

